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APPLICANT'S REPLY TO EXAMINER'S ANSWER

This reply is response to the Examiner's answer mailed
November 28, 1997 before the Board of Patent Appeals and
Interferences.

The Examiner states at page two, paragraph 2, that the
brief did not contain a statement identifying related
appeals and interferences which directly affect or will be
directly affected by a decision in the pending appeal.

However, at page three, paragraph two of applicant's
appeal brief, applicant states that applicant does not
believe that there are any pending appeals or interferences
which will directly effect or be directly effected by or
have a bearing on the Board's decision in the pending appeal
of the subject application.

At page two, paragraph seven of the Examiner's answer,

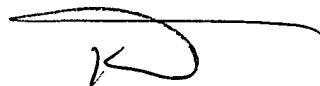
the Examiner states that the appellant's brief does not include a statement that the grouping of claims does not stand or fall together and reasons in support thereof.

However, at page five, paragraph seven, applicant states that the rejected claims do not stand or fall together and each claim is separately patentable. Moreover, applicant sets forth the reasons for separate patentability, required by MPEP 1206 (7), in the argument at pages 10-15.

Accordingly, the claims do not stand or fall together.

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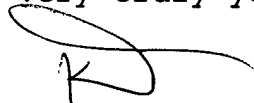
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